[Mr. P. Kunjukrishnan.]

(*b*) when this control system was introduced in Travancore; and

(*c*) the necessity of introducing the control system in the Salt Factories?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) There is no control over the sale of salt in the Factories.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Punishment of Excise Inspector Mr. Walsalam.

71. **MR. K. KESAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) for what offence the Excise Inspector Mr. Walsalam was punished and given compulsory retirement from service;

(*b*) whether in the course of the enquiry conducted in connection with Mr. Walsalam's case, a series of complaints of malpractice and corruption in the factories have been disclosed against the then Assistant Excise Commissioner and the Inspectors of factories and received by the Excise Commissioner;

(*c*) whether Government have appointed a committee and ordered an enquiry into the malpractices and corruption in the salt factories of Travancore;

(*d*) whether the enquiry described in part (*c*) has been conducted and concluded;

(*e*) whether any case of corruption was brought to light as a result of the enquiry;

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to place on the table the findings of the Government in the case of corruption, if any, described in part (*e*);

(*g*) whether any petition has been received by the Excise Commissioner subsequent to the punishment given to Mr. Walsalam about corruptions of Excise Inspectors or Assistant Excise Commissioners of salt factories; and

(*h*) if the answer to part (*g*) is in the affirmative, the persons against whom petitions were received by the Excise Commissioner from the salt licensees and the final orders passed thereon?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) For corruption.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No committee was appointed. But a joint enquiry by the Excise Commissioner and the Division Peishkar, Trivandrum, into certain alleged malpractices in the Salt Factories was ordered by Government.

(*d*) An enquiry was conducted by the Excise Commissioner and the Division Peishkar.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*).

(*g*) No.

(*h*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*g*).

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